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Whitman Mission
National Historic Site

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2015 Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit Requirements
and Other Restrictions Imposed Under
Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Whitman Mission National Historic Site. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Visiting Hours:

Visiting hours for the park and visitor center have been established for Whitman Mission National Historic Site and are posted on the park's website (www.nps.gov/whmi). That portion of the National Historic Site that contains Swegle Road and that portion of Whitman Mission Road west of the park entrance sign and gate do not close except during emergency situations.

Public Use Limits:

The size of a special event group is limited to groups of 25 individuals or less. The event may be held during park open hours in the publicly accessible portions of the area delineated on the attached map as the "Administrative Area". Special event activities are prohibited in all other park zones except under special use permit. A special use permit is also required for all non-NPS sponsored events involving groups of more than 25 people. The location available for public assemblies is the oval grassed area in the center of the parking lot and delineated on the attached map.

Determination:

Groups of excessive size will not leave enough parking spaces, picnic tables, or enough capacity in the grounds or Visitor Center for other visitors. Excessively large groups have the potential to disrupt the reflective nature of the visitor experience and diminish visitor understanding and appreciation. Review required for decision regarding a special use permit application can consider seasonal, time of week, and time of day visitation patterns to avoid exceeding park's infrastructure and personnel capacity.

Drivers of commercial passenger carrying diesel fueled motor vehicles are prohibited from idling their engines in the park.

Determination:

Diesel fumes are toxic and the noise associated with idling passenger vehicles and busses adversely impacts the visitor experience and disturbs wildlife.

Closures:

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Whitman Mission National Historic Site is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent. The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

Determination: The closure is necessary to maintain public health and safety in this unit of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. This closure implements Section 1.5 of NPS Management Policies (2006), which provides that a new form of park use may be allowed within a park only after a determination has been made in the professional judgment of the Superintendent that it will not result in unacceptable impacts on park resources and values. When proposed park uses and the protection of park resources and values come into conflict, the protection of resources and values must be predominant. The use of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS is a new park use. This closure is a necessary, interim measure while this new use can be properly evaluated.

(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:

Publicly accessible portions of the park's "Administrative Area," as identified in the attached map, is the area of the park where activities such as sunbathing, kite flying, picnicking, and lawn games such as frisbee, badminton, and ball games are allowed. These activities and others of a similar nature are prohibited in all other park zones except under special use permit.

A public assembly (first amendment right) area has been designated within the parks "Administrative Area" and is delineated on the attached map.

Determination:

The park's General Management Plan identifies five management areas that recognize the cultural significance and inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The "Administrative Area" includes the visitor center, parking lot, maintenance area, and access roads. The restrictions protect park resources, reduce user conflicts, and preserve the historic scene.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required:

- §1.5(d) Any non-NPS event or assembly involving more than 25 individuals or intended to occur in areas outside publicly accessible portions of the park Administrative Area.
- §2.4(d) Carry or possess a trap, or net
- §2.5(a) Specimen collection of plant, fish, wildlife, rocks, minerals or fossils

- §2.12(a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
- §2.12(a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
- §2.12 (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17(a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means
- §2.17(c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft
- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services
- §2.38(a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents, including fireworks
- §2.50(a) Conduct a sports event, pageant, regatta, public spectator attraction, entertainment, and similar events where size of audience is not known prior or exceeds 25 individuals
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of views involving groups of more than 25 people.
- §2.60(b) Livestock use
- §2.62(b) Memorialization - (Scattering ashes from human cremation)
- §4.11(a) Exceeding of established vehicle load, weight and size limits
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution.)
- §5.3 Engaging in or soliciting any business (requires a permit, contract or other written agreement with the United States, or must be pursuant to special regulations).
- §5.5(a) Commercial filming of motion pictures or television involving the use of professional casts, settings or crews, other than bona fide newsreel or news television
- §5.5(b) Still photography of vehicles, or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising.
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.
- §6.9(a) Operation of a solid waste disposal site

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- (a)(5) Walking, climbing, entering, ascending or traversing the grave markers, monuments, Great Grave, or Memorial Obelisk is prohibited.
- (b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic in the Mission Grounds and Memorial and Great Grave is restricted to paved or clearly mown trails unless accompanied by NPS personnel.

- (c)(1), (c)(2) Apples that have fallen from the orchard trees on the Mission Grounds may be gathered in amounts that do not exceed five pounds a person each day. Climbing of trees is prohibited.

Determination:

The gathering of apples off of the ground will not harm the health of the trees. Once fallen, they no longer contribute to the visitors' enjoyment of or understanding of the purpose and significance of Whitman Mission National Historic Site.

36 CFR §2.3 – FISHING

Fishing in the park's irrigation system, including all ditches, "Doan Creek" and the "Millpond" is prohibited within the boundaries of Whitman Mission National Historic Site except under Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS

A permit is required to possess a trap or net within the park and will only be issued when necessary to support approved/permitted research activities.

Firearm possession and carrying must be in accordance with Public Law 111-24 and Washington State law. Non-NPS firearms are prohibited in park facilities including the visitor center, maintenance shop and all storage buildings (18 USC 930(g)(1)). Non-NPS use and discharge of firearms within the park is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING and FOOD STORAGE

- (a) Camping is not allowed within Whitman Mission National Historic Site except as expressly permitted part of an event under special permit.

- (d) Food storage and food processing equipment may not be stored in the park overnight.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Picnicking is allowed in the park Administrative Area, which includes the picnic area and parking lot area, and prohibited in all other park zones. All picnic tables are available on a first come-first served basis. No picnic table or picnic area reservations are allowed.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

- (a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is generally prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:**

Fires are permitted only in the Administrative Area, which includes the picnic area, and must be in a container that will prevent damage to tables, trees, grass, or other park resources.

- (b) Fires must be extinguished according to the following conditions:**

All fires must be completely extinguished with no burning material remaining and fires will be considered out when all burnable materials are cold to the touch.

- (c) High fire danger closures will be in effect as noted:**

As posted during periods of extreme fire danger, Whitman Mission National Historic Site may place burning and fire restrictions in place.

36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE

- (a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property may be allowed under the following conditions:**

Other than associated with NPS operations or employee housing, the use of government refuse receptacles or facilities is allowed only for refuse created during visits to the park such as from picnicking at the park or disposal of vehicle litterbags.

(b) Conditions for the disposal, containerization, or carryout of human body waste have been established for the following:

Disposal of human body waste must occur in fixtures provided for that purpose in the public restrooms.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) Pets must be leashed and are permitted only in Administrative Area (including picnic area and parking lots) and on paved or mown trails and roads open to the general public. Pets are prohibited in cemetery.

(a)(3) Pets may not be left tied to any object.

(a)(5) Pet owners must remove and properly dispose of all solid pet excrement. Government refuse receptacles located out-of-doors may be used for this purpose.

(e) Pets may be kept by park employees as provided for in the Housing Management Plan.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES and PACK ANIMALS

Any and all use of horses and pack animals, except on or along Swegle and Whitman Mission Road west of the park entrance sign and gate, requires an approved Special Use Permit.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT and AIR DELIVERY

(a)(1) No area within the park is designated for use by aircraft.

(c)(1) The removal of a downed aircraft, components, or parts thereof is subject to procedures established by written authorization from the Superintendent.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

Snowmobiles may not be operated within the park.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS and SIMILAR DEVICES

Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, non-powered scooters or similar devices is prohibited within the park.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking: All government buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking with the exception of residences as noted in the park Housing Management Plan.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

Property may not be left unattended for longer than 24 hours within the park.

36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following public use areas, portions of public use areas, and/or public facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- Within any federal facility except for that designated as employee housing,
- Within the area designated on the attached map as Memorial Hill and Great Grave, and
- Within the area designated on the attached map as Mission Grounds.

Determination:

This restriction is intended to avoid visitor conflicts, provide for visitor safety in an area heavily used by families and children, and help prevent injuries to all park visitors. Prohibition on use in historic

areas is intended to prevent potential damage to historic and cultural resources and to enhance the reflective nature of the visitor experience.

36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING

The solicitation or demand for gifts, money, goods or services requires a permit under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52, and is subject to the terms and conditions specified therein.

36 CFR §2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE

(a) Absent a permit, the running-at-large, herding, driving across, allowing on, pasturing or grazing of livestock of any kind in a park area for agricultural purposes is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LAND

Absent a permit, lease or contract, residing in park areas on other than private land, is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(a) Authorization from the Director of the National Park Service is required to install a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area.

(b) A permit is required for the scattering of ashes from cremated human remains and/or according to the following terms and conditions:

- A permit is required for scattering ashes in all areas of the park
- The remains to be scattered must have been cremated and pulverized
- The scattering of remains by persons on the ground is to be performed at least 300' from any trail, road, developed area or flowing stream, river or other body of water.
- Scattering on the ground must result in complete dispersal of ashes so that no obvious piles remain in any one place. No containers/urns are to be left behind or buried.
- No scattering of remains from the air is to be performed over developed areas, facilities, or bodies of water.

36 CFR §3.16 – SWIMMING AND WADING

Swimming and wading is prohibited in all waters within the park boundary except as part of research approved under permit.

36 CFR §4.10 – TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES

(a) Park roads, open for travel by motor vehicle are those indicated in the following publication: The Whitman Mission National Historic Site information brochure.

(b) The following routes and/or areas, designated pursuant to special regulations, are open for off-road vehicle travel under the terms and conditions noted: No routes and/or areas are open for off-road vehicle travel within the park.

(c)(1) Track-laying motor vehicles, or other motor vehicles equipped with a similar traction device may be operated on the following routes under the terms and conditions noted: No track-laying motor vehicles may be operated in the park.

36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated: The speed limit on all roads east of the park entrance sign within the park is 15 miles per hour. The speed limit on Whitman Mission Road and that portion of Swegle Road owned by the federal government is in accordance with state law.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) Bicycle use is permitted on park roads and in the parking area and prohibited on all paved and unpaved trails within the park.

36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING

Hitchhiking is prohibited within the park and on park roads.

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